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Copy of Res.Rt.No.6581, dated 13th November, 1947 from the Revenue Department, Madras addressed to the Secretary to Govt. Revenue Deptt., Madras (with statements) and to the Collectors of all districts except the Nilgiris and Madras and copy sent to the Director of Agriculture, Madras.

Sub: GROW MORE FOOD - Well Subsidy Schemes -Progress report - Month ending 31-8-1947 - Reviewed -
Ref: Reports from the Collectors.

RESOLUTION:

The Board submits to Government the following consolidated review of the progress made in respect of all the three Well Subsidy Schemes:--

2. The reports under the New Well Subsidy Scheme were received in time only from the Collectors of North Arcot, Trichinopoly, Ramnad, South Arcot, Anantapur and East Godavari and the delay in receipt of reports from the other Collectors ranged from 1 to 23 days. The progress reports under the Accelerated Scheme were received in time only from the Collectors of North Arcot, Ramnad, South Arcot, Salem, Bellary, Anantapur and East Godavari and the delay in the receipt of the reports from the other Collectors ranged from 1 to 38 days, the report from the Collector of Kistna was the last to be received. The reports in respect of the Ceded Districts Modified Scheme were received in time only from the Collectors of Anantapur and Bellary and the delay inthe receipt of returns from the Collectors of Kurnool and Cuddapah ranged from 1 to 25 days. The report from the Collector of Kistna has generally been the last to be received. This is not satisfactory. Collectors are requested to see that delay in the submission of the reports is avoided and that the reports are submitted in time to reach the Board on the prescribed date.

3. The progress made (i) in the receipt and disposal of applications under the New Well Subsidy Scheme, and (ii) in the construction and repair of wells under the Accelerated Scheme and Ceded Districts Modified Scheme for the month under review is as shown below:--

(A) <u>New Well Subsidy Scheme:</u>

The number of applications pending disposal at the end of the previous month was 54,816 according to the previous review. But according to the return now under review the number has been shown as 54,645 only. The reasons for this difference have not been explained by most of the Collectors, while a few Collectors have simply stated that the figures now furnished are revised figures without explaining the reasons for the discrepancy. The number of applications received during the month was 10,438 involving an amount of Rs.34,59,193/-. The total number of applications for disposal during the month was 65,082 involving an amount of Rs.2,14,13,522/-. Out of this 3,417 applications for Rs.11,18,380/- were sanctioned and 8,033 applications involving an amount of Rs.23,10,386/- were rejected-- thus leaving a balance of 53,632 applications for disposal at the end of the month. The disposal of applications during the month is not encouraging. Collectors are requested to see that the applications are disposed off as quickly as possible.

(ii) The Board regrets to note that in spite of repeated remarks in previous reviews the returns have not been prepared carefully. In a number of cases there are large variations both in the number of applications and the amount of subsidy loans when compared with the details furnished in the previous month's report. These have not

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have not been explained. The discrepancies are large in the districts of North Arcot, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Ramnad, Tanjore, Malabar, Vizagapatam, Nellore, Coimbatore, Bellary, Kurnool, East Godavari, Kistna, Guntur and South Kanara. The Collectors are requested to see that proper attention is paid to the preparation of the reports and that variations, if any, between the figures furnished in the reports for the previous month and those furnished in the reports for the month under review are clearly explained in future.

(B) ACCELERATED WELLS SUBSIDY SCHEME:

NEW WELLS

	Upto 31-7-47.		In the month.	Upto 31-8-47.
1. Number of wells completed.	35,738	plus	660	36,398
2. Number of wells in progress	22,020	minus	1,018	21,002
3. Number of wells to be taken up including cases in which recovery of subsidy has been ordered.	3,822	plus	358	4,180
Total number of wells for which subsidies have been paid.	61,580			61,580

OLD WELLS.

1. Number of wells completed.	20,288	plus	1,244	21,532
2. Number of wells in progress	8,254	minus	1,425	6,829
3. Number in respect of which work has not been started including cases in which recovery of subsidy has been ordered.	2,144	plus	1881	2,325
Total number of wells for which subsidies have been paid.	30,686			30,686

(ii) It is observed from the statement above that 660 new and 1,244 old wells have been completed during the month under review. The progress in the completion of new wells still remains disappointingly slow and the Collectors are requested to see that as many wells as possible are completed soon. 1,371 and 1,244 old wells are reported to have been completed in July and August, 1947 respectively. Recovery of subsidy should have been made in respect of these cases. The Board is unable to understand the circumstances in which extensions of time have been allowed by Collectors after the prescribed period and the works deemed to have been completed subsequent to that date. The attention of Collectors is invited to the Board's observation in para 3(b)(ii) of Board's RestRt.No.6201, dated 27.10.1947 and they are requested to report the circumstances in which extensions of time were allowed by them and whether steps are not being taken to recover the subsidies in respect of all old wells which were not completed by 30-6-1947.

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(iii) 97 new and 173 old wells have been inspected by Revenue Divisional Officers during the month under review. The total number of wells inspected by them upto the end of the month is 7,368 new and 3,211 old wells. The Board hopes that Revenue Divisional Officers will inspect many more wells in future.

(iv) The following statement shows the additional area brought under irrigation and the additional quantity of food grains produced under the Accelerated Scheme upto the end of the month under review:

		New Wells.	Old Wells
Additional area brought under irrigation.	Acres.	42,753,16	15,177.16
Additional quantity of food grains produced.	Tons.	15,881,72	6,961.52

(v) During the month under review Collectors did not sanction the write off of subsidies inany case. The statement is therefore 'NIL'.

(C) CEDED DISTRICTS MODIFIED WELLS SCHEME:

The following statement shows the progress made in the construction and repair of wells, the additional area brought under irrigation and the quantity of food grains produced from the wells subsidised under the schemes:

Total Number of wells.	Number of wells.						
	Completed.			In progress.	To be taken up.	In respect of which recovery has been ordered.	In respect of which write off has been ordered.
	Upto the previous month.	In the month.	Total.				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
New Wells 1,999	86	3	89	1,456	421	32	1
Old wells. 528	124	21	145	209	62	112	

(Reasons for variations between the present and the previous month's figures are explained in the statement).

		New Wells.	Old Wells.
Additional area brought under irrigation	Acres.	202	20
Additional quantity of food grains produced	Tons	206	53

(ii) 31 and 21 old wells are reported to have been completed in July and August, 1947 respectively. All the 21 wells completed in the month are in Anantapur district only. The attention of Collectors is invited to the Board's observations in the concluding para of Board's Res.Rt. No.6201, dated 27-10-1947 and they are requested to report the circumstances in which extensions of time have been allowed by them beyond that date.

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